

TOWN OF WILTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Location: Wilton Fire Station
7:00 P.M.**

FINAL MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2016

Members Present: Cary Hughes, Chairman; Harry Dailey; Joyce Fisk; Donna Pucciarello; William Condra, Selectmen Rep.; and Dawn Tuomala, Secretary

Attendance: Kelly Eshback, Scott Butcher, Town Administrator; Joanna Eckstrom

1. Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Review and Approval of September 22, 2016 Minutes

Page 2 item 6 7th line take out "present some changes by" and replace with "make a presentation at".

Motion was made by Mr. Dailey to accept the minutes of September 22, 2016 as amended; seconded by Mr. Condra; all in favor; 1 abstention (Ms. Fisk); motion passes.

3. Public Comments

Joe Torre on MACC Base Budget Issues

Mr. Torre explained the proposed infrastructure needs for the upgrades to MACC Base. The way it is set up they can't have a capital reserve fund they have to spend their entire voted budget for the year. They are working on a 5 year agreement that would allow for retaining money for the larger expensed projects. The upgrades that are being discussed are to have repeaters like what we just purchased for the ambulance where the calls would have better service in remote areas. This is needed prior to making system upgrades. Wilton will pick up 17% of the total cost. Milford will be responsible for 70%. In addition new 33 new pagers will need to be purchased all at once for the Fire Department at \$600 each to change from the low band to the high band radios that would be required.

4. Expenditures through May 2016

The Selectmen will be continuing to review the budgets with the help of Mr. Butcher prior to them coming to the Budget Committee. There are 457(b) percentage issues that need to be worked out between departments. The individual line items need to be reviewed as well as the bottom lines.

The Library will be just like any other Town Department and there will be checks and balances as everyone else has. There was discussion about the trust funds and what they can and can't

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be used for. Terry Knowles from the State Attorney General's office was down last year explaining to the Selectmen the Trust Funds and their usage. There will be answers in the minutes to that meeting.

5. Other Business

a. Officer Elections:

A motion was made by Mr. Dailey to nominate Mr. Hughes for Chairman, seconded by Ms. Fisk; all in favor motion passes.

The decision was made to postpone all of the other nominations until a full board was present.

b. Assign Committee Members to remaining Departments:

Mr. Condra to the Wilton Water Works

Ms. Tuomala to the Sewer Department

Ms. Fisk will do the small charities and Ms. Eshback will help.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on November 17, 2016 at 7:00 at the Wilton Fire Station.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Dailey and seconded by Ms. Fisk; all in favor. The Budget Committee was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Tuomala, Secretary